

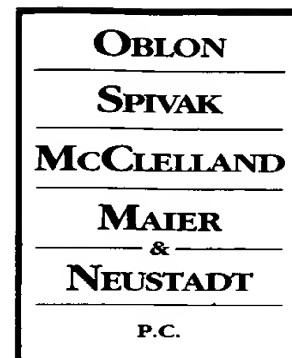


1754

RECEIVED

DEC - 5 2002

Docket No.: 200538USC 1700 MAIL ROOM



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

NORMAN F. OBLON
(703) 413-3000
NOBLON@OBLON.COM

VINCENT K. SHIER, PH.D.
REGISTERED PATENT AGENT
(703) 413-3000
VSHIER@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 09/729,103

Applicants: Kenzi SUZUKI et al.

Filing Date: DECEMBER 5, 2000

For: NEW CATALYSTS FOR OXIDATIVE STEAM REFORMING OF
METHANOL AS A NEW AND EFFICIENT METHOD FOR THE SELECTIVE
PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN FOR FUEL CELLS AND THEIR
SYNTHESIS METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1754

Examiner: MEDINA SANABRIA

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction and Election Species Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Norman F. Oblon
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 24,618



22850

Vincent K. Shier, Ph.D.
Registration No. 50,552



Socket No.: 200538US0

#9143
12/6/02
RECEIVED
DEC -5 2002
TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Kenzi SUZUKI, et al. : EXAMINER: MEDINA SANABRIA
SERIAL NO: 09/729,103 :
FILED: DECEMBER 5, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1754
FOR: NEW CATALYSTS FOR OXIDATIVE STEAM REFORMING OF METHANOL
AS A NEW AND EFFICIENT METHOD FOR THE SELECTIVE PRODUCTION
OF HYDROGEN FOR FUEL CELLS AND THEIR SYNTHESIS METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3, for further prosecution. Applicants note that an election of a single disclosed Species is not necessary with the election of Group I.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a method of producing a CuZnAlZr oxide catalyst and catalyst thereof;
- Group II: Claim 4, drawn to a CuZnZrCe oxide catalyst;
- Group III: Claim 5, drawn to a CoCuZnAl oxide catalyst; and
- Group IV: Claims 6-8, drawn to method for producing hydrogen gas.